

NOTICE OF DECISION UNDER REGULATION 32 FILM POSTERS

VIDEO SLICK

TO: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
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Pursuant to regulation 32 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Regulations 1994 the film poster entitled:

Rocco's Private Fantasies

is **Not Approved.**

if approval refused, the reasons for the decision:

The video slick contains images of full-body male and female nudity and explicit scenes of sexual activity. The sexual activity includes fellatio, anal and vaginal intercourse. The video slick has a strong degrading and dehumanising effect. This effect is created by the large number of images depicting sexual activity which focus on the genitals of the men and women. The process of obscuring some of the images of genitals by black markings serves to attract the attention of the viewer. The concentrated focus on the genitals of the participants and explicit depictions of sexual activity significantly degrade and dehumanise women particularly, as they are reduced to body parts for the purpose of male sexual gratification.

Given the strong degrading, and dehumanising imagery, the Office of Film and Literature Classification (Classification Office) is of the opinion that the public display of this video slick is likely to be injurious to the public good and therefore objectionable if submitted for classification pursuant to s13 of the Films Videos, and Publications Classification Act.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been considered in classifying the slick. The Classification Office is of the opinion that the classification of the slick as objectionable is a justifiable limit on the freedom of expression that is prescribed by law given the strong degrading and dehumanising manner in which women are presented

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Date: 03 March 1998

For the Classification Office (signed):

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